

linking rod 525b and trigger 525 from sliding sufficiently to ignite the lighter 502. In the lighter 502, the cam follower 516 may rotate counter-clockwise as the wand assembly is extended. –

Please replace the paragraph on page 35, beginning at line 10 with the following text:

-- Fig. 27 shows an alternative embodiment of lighter 802. Lighter 802 is similar to the lighter 2 shown in Fig. 1. Lighter 802 includes a housing 804 with support members 804a for releasably retaining a conductive strip or member 890 in the housing 804. Prior to joining the strip 890 to housing 804, wire 28 (as shown in Fig. 1B) is disposed with an uninsulated end in electrical contact with the strip 890. The uninsulated end may be disposed between the strip 890 and housing 804. Strip 890 thus retains the wire 28 in this location within the housing 804. –

In the Claims:

A marked up version of the rewritten claims, showing insertions and deletions is included in Appendix C. A clean set of all pending claims is attached as Appendix D.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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44. (Amended) A lighter comprising:
a housing having a supply of fuel;
an actuating member for selectively igniting the fuel, the actuating member associated with the housing; and
a wand assembly including a hub rotatably connected to the housing and a wand connected to the hub, the hub including an outer surface having a plurality of detents therein,
wherein the wand pivots about a transversely extending pivoting axis that is substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis.

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58. (Amended) A lighter comprising:
a housing having a supply of fuel;
an ignition assembly for igniting the fuel;
a wand assembly pivotally associated with the housing and having a nozzle;
an actuating member operable to selectively release fuel from the nozzle and actuate the ignition assembly; and

at least one member fluidly connecting the supply to the nozzle, the at least one member electrically connected to the ignition assembly and the nozzle,

wherein the wand assembly pivots about a pivot axis, and the at least one member is spaced from the pivot axis and extends at least partially through the wand assembly.

59. (Amended) The lighter of claim 58, wherein the wand assembly defines an aperture spaced from the pivot axis, and the at least one member passes through the aperture.

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65. (Amended) The lighter of claim 63, wherein the wand assembly includes the first electrode.

Please add the following new claims:

66. (New) The lighter of claim 1, wherein the wand assembly is capable of being moved with respect to the housing from the first position to at least one second position, wherein sufficient immobilization of the actuating member to prevent ignition of the fuel is caused by the position of the wand assembly.

67. (New) The lighter of claim 44, wherein the outer surface is undulating.

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68. (New) A lighter comprising:
a housing assembly having a supply of fuel;
a wand assembly associated with the housing assembly and having a nozzle;
a conduit for transporting fuel from the supply to the nozzle;
an ignition assembly for igniting fuel at the nozzle; and
an actuating member operable to selectively release fuel from the nozzle and actuate the ignition assembly,

wherein the conduit contains a lead from the ignition assembly for igniting fuel at the nozzle.

69. (New) The lighter of claim 68, wherein the lead operably connects a first electrode to a first part of the ignition assembly; and a second lead operably connects a second electrode to a second part of the ignition assembly for generating an electrical arc between the electrodes.